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SUBJECT REFERENCE TELEGRAM DISCUSSED WITH STATE SECRETARY GLOBKE TODAY. HE SAID THAT PRELIMINARY STUDY HAD BEEN PREPARED BY MINISTRY ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS WHICH CHANCELLOR HAD READ AND FELT NEEDED CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS. GLOBKE PRODUCED COPY WHICH HE SHOWED BUT DID NOT LEAVE WITH EMBASSY OFFICER. GENERAL SENSE DOCUMENT IS THAT INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS DESIRABLE AND ENCOURAGED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT FRUSTRATED IN PRACTICE BY SEVERE GDR RESTRICTIONS INTERZONAL TRAVEL SINCE 1957. DOCUMENT RAISES OBJECTIONS TO CONCEPT ORGANIZED GROUP EXCHANGES WHICH IT TERMS, FOR VARIETY OF REASONS, LIKELY TO BENEFIT GDR RATHER THAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, WITHOUT PROSPECT GENERATING BENEFICIAL POLITICAL CURRENTS WITH REGARD TO GERMAN REUNIFICATION.

GLOBKE THEN SUMMARIZED CHANCELLOR'S WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT, WHICH CLEARLY SUGGEST THAT ANY CHANGES IT MAY UNDERGO ARE LIKELY TO BE IN SENSE INCREASED OBJECTIONS TO WHOLE IDEA OF EXCHANGE GROUPS.

GLOBKE THEN HELD FORTH ON HIS OWN AND SAID HE UNABLE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE THOUGHT MIGHT BE GAINED BY SUCH EXCHANGES. TAKING VARIOUS CATEGORIES (LISTED IN MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION PAGE 5) HE ARGUED THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD BE BOUND TO BE STERILE AT BEST WHILE OFFERING GDR ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES SPYING AND SUBVERSION. HIS WORDS AND ARGUMENTS HAD METALLIC RING STRONGLY REMINISCENT OF CHANCELLOR'S OWN FORM OF ORATORY. WITH REGARD SPECIFICALLY TO CATEGORIES OF FACTORY MANAGERS AND LAWYERS, HE SAID HE UNABLE IMAGINE HOW GROUPS

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OF THESE FROM GDR, PRESUMABLY HAND PICKED FOR THEIR PARTY LOYALTY, COULD SPEND THREE MONTHS IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN MANNER PROFITABLE TO CAUSE OF THE WEST, WHILE SAME CATEGORIES SENT TO GDR BY FEDERAL REPUBLIC INSULATED FROM PEOPLE BY GDR AUTHORITIES AND POLICE. HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON DANGERS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT TRY TO UTILIZE SUCH VISITS TO WORK AGAINST COMMUNIST REGIME GDR.

GLOBKE THEN OUT OF BLUE MADE CURIOUS REFERENCE TO REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM GERMAN AMBASSADOR ATHENS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER, ACCORDING TO WHICH GREEK GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ITS INTERNAL POSITION ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY KHRUSHCHEV VISIT UNITED STATES. AUTHORITY GREEK GOVERNMENT, AS MEMBER NATO, ACCORDING TO VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO AVEROFF, RESTED LARGELY ON STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT MAJORITY GREEK PEOPLE. GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD TURNED DOWN PREVIOUS PROPOSALS COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS FROM SOVIET UNION INVOLVING IN PARTICULAR DELIVERY LOCOMOTIVES, EVEN THOUGH TERMS OFFERED MORE FAVORABLE THAN CURRENTLY OBTAINABLE FROM WEST, BECAUSE DID NOT WISH GIVE GREEK PEOPLE IMPRESSION NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COMMUNIST REGIME. NOW, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, GREEK GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED PUBLIC REACTION AND INTERPRETATION KHRUSHCHEV VISIT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT NOT RECONSIDER SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFERS. MOREOVER, GREEK GOVERNMENT NOW UNWILLING STATION MISSILE BASES ITS TERRITORY. GLOBKE ADDED THAT SOMETHING OF SAME GENERAL REACTION DETECTABLE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS.

WHILE HE DID NOT EXPLICITLY LINK HIS REFERENCE TO GREEK AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS TO QUESTION UNDER DISCUSSION, CONTEXT IN WHICH REFERENCES INTRODUCED IMPRESSED EMBASSY OFFICER AS CLEAR AND SIGNIFICANT EXPRESSION MISGIVINGS GOING BEYOND HIS OPINION MERITS GROUP EXCHANGES WITH GDR.

IN CONCLUSION, AND IN ANSWER TO OUR SPECIFIC REQUEST, GLOBKE SAID WE WOULD BE GIVEN RESULTS OF STUDY IN FINAL FORM BEFORE END OCTOBER.

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